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SUBJECT: SECURITY ISSUES AT THE MEETING BETWEEN PRIME  
- MINISTER FUKUDA AND PRESIDENT CARTER

IN CONVERSATION WITH LOHMANN, APRIL 28, NISHIHIRO ADVISED  
THAT JDA PAPER ON SECURITY ISSUES PROVIDED TO PRIME  
MINISTER'S OFFICE CONTAINED FOLLOWING POINTS:

1) US STRATEGY:

-- NUCLEAR STRATEGY: NEUTRON BOMB DECISION AND OTHER US  
ACTIONS LEAVE IMPRESSION THAT US IS ADOPTING PASSIVE  
NUCLEAR STRATEGY. THIS WOULD BE VERY DANGEROUS TO WORLD  
PEACE. PRIME MINISTER SHOULD ASK IF US HAS ADOPTED A  
PASSIVE APPROACH TO ITS NUCLEAR STRATEGIC POSTURE.

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-- FORCE BALANCE IN ASIA: SOVIET FORCE IMPROVEMENTS ARE  
BEING MADE IN ASIA. ALTHOUGH SOVIET LOGISTICAL POSTURE  
IS WEAK THEY ARE IMPROVING IT WITH SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT  
AND WORK ON TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILROAD. AT SAME TIME, WE  
HAVE IMPRESSION THAT US FORCES ARE DECREASING. CASE IN  
POINT IS US PLAN FOR NAVAL CONSTRUCTION. PRIME MINISTER  
SHOULD ASK WHETHER THESE TRENDS WOULD INDICATE LESSENING

OF US INTEREST IN ASIA.

-- CHINA POLICY: SINCE 1969 SINO SOVIET CONFRONTATION HAS CREATED A FAVORABLE SITUATION FOR FREE WORLD. PRC SERVES USEFUL FUNCTION IN COUNTERING SOVIET MILITARY STRENGTH. HOWEVER, SOVIET POWER IS INCREASING, VIS-A-VIS CHINA. PRIME MINISTER SHOULD ASK WHETHER CHINESE COUNTER-BALANCE WILL BE AS EFFECTIVE IN FUTURE AS IT IS NOW.

2) US JAPAN DEFENSE RELATIONS:

JDA EXPECTS US TO RAISE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

-- COST SHARING: JDA RECOMMENDS THAT PRIME MINISTER CONVEY THAT GOJ IS PREPARED TO INTERPRET SOFA IN MUCH MORE LIBERAL WAY. WHILE THEY ARE PREPARED TO MAKE POSITIVE INTERPRETATIONS, THEY WOULD NOT FAVOR SOFA REVISION.

-- TRADE DEFENSE MATTERS: JDA EXPECTS PRESIDENT TO ASK GOJ TO PROCURE AND PAY FOR P-3C'S, F-15'S AND OTHER DEFENSE ITEMS AT QUICKER PACE THAN CURRENTLY PLANNED. ALSO, EXPECT PRESIDENT TO ASK THAT GOJ ACQUIRE NEW ITEMS, INCLUDING AEW AIRCRAFT AND MUNITIONS. REGARDING MUNITIONS, JDA WILL HAVE TO EXAMINE STORAGE CAPACITY, BUT IT IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER BUYING US AMMUNITION STORED IN JAPAN.  
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JDA IS ALSO PREPARED TO STUDY STORING JAPANESE MUNITIONS IN RECENTLY VACATED US FACILITIES. THEY WILL ALSO BE PREPARED TO STUDY A JOINT LOGISTIC SYSTEM FOR WHICH THEY WOULD PROVIDE FUNDS.

3) COMMENT: VIEWS CONVEYED BY NISHIHIRO PROBABLY REPRESENT JDA INPUT BUT NOT NECESSARILY FINAL GOJ POSITION ON SECURITY MATTERS. WHILE WE RECOMMEND THAT PRESIDENT BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN REASSURING TERMS ITEMS CONCERNING US STRATEGY, WE SEE NO NEED TO ALTER OUR RECOMMENDATIONS IN TOKYO 7549. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE DEFER MOST DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS ON US-JAPAN DEFENSE RELATIONS TO SUMMER MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY BROWN AND DEFENSE MINISTER. SHERMAN

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